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FINANCIAL REPORTING COUNCIL OF NIGERIA
(Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment)

**FRC/CG/001: TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING COMPLIANCE WITH THE NIGERIAN
CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 2018**

Section A: Introduction

Corporate Governance is a key driver of corporate accountability and business prosperity. The Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance, 2018 (NCCG 2018) seeks to institutionalize corporate governance best practices in Nigerian companies. It is also aimed at increasing entities' levels of transparency, trust and integrity, and create an environment for sustainable business operations.

The Code adopts a principle-based approach in specifying minimum standards of practice that companies should adopt. Where so required, companies are required to adopt the "Apply and Explain" approach in reporting on compliance with the Code. The 'Apply and Explain' approach assumes application of all principles and requires entities to explain how the principles are applied. This requires companies to demonstrate how the specific activities they have undertaken best achieve the outcomes intended by the corporate governance principles specified in the Code.

This will help to prevent a 'box ticking' exercise as companies deliberately consider how they have (or have not) achieved the intended outcomes. Although, the Code recommends practices to enable companies apply the principles, it recognises that these practices can be tailored to meet industry or company needs. The Code is thus scalable to suit the type, size and growth phase of each company while still achieving the outcomes envisaged by the principles.

This form seeks to assess the company's level of compliance with the principles in the NCCG 2018. Entities should explain how these principles have been applied, specify areas of deviation from the principles and give reasons for these deviations and any alternative practice(s) adopted.

Please read the instructions below carefully before completing this form:

- i. Every line item and indicator must be completed.
- ii. Respond to each question with "Yes" where you have applied the principle, and "No" where you are yet to apply the principle.
- iii. An explanation on how you are applying the principle, or otherwise should be included as part of your response.
- iv. Not Applicable (N/A) is not a valid response.

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Section B – General Information

S/No.	Items	Details
i.	Company Name	Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC
ii.	Date of Incorporation	14 March 2012
iii.	RC Number	RC 1018051
iv.	License Number	FPR/LAD/SIB/CON/01/028
v.	Company Physical Address	I.B.T.C. Place, Walter Carrington Crescent, Victoria Island, Lagos
vi.	Company Website Address	www.stanbicibtc.com
vii.	Financial Year End	31 December
viii.	Is the Company a part of the group? Yes/No If yes, please state the name of the Holding Company	Yes Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC
ix.	Name and Address of Company Secretary	Chidi Okezie I.B.T.C. Place, Walter Carrington Crescent, Victoria Island, Lagos
x.	Name and Address of External Auditor(s)	PricewaterhouseCoopers 5B Water Corporation Road, Landmark Towers, Victoria Island, Lagos
xi.	Name and Address of Registrar(s)	First Registrars & Investor Services Limited Plot 2, Abebe Village Road, off Eric Moore Road, Iganmu, Lagos, Lagos
xii.	Investor Relations Contact Person (E-mail and Phone No.)	Remilekun Ishola Remilekun.ishola@Stanbicibtc.com 08074962812
xiii.	Name of the Governance Evaluation Consultant	Ernst & Young Professional Services
xiv.	Name of the Board Evaluation Consultant	Ernst & Young Professional Services

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Section C - Details of Board of the Company and Attendance at Meetings

1. Board Details:

S/No.	Names of Board Members	Designation (Chairman, MD, INED, NED, ED)	Gender	Date First Appointed/ Elected	Remark
1	Basil Omiyi	Chairman	Male	25 March 2015	
2	Demola Sogunle	Chief Executive	Male	01 July 2020	
3	Kunle Adededeji	Executive Director	Male	22 February 2019	
4	Ifeoma Esiri	Non-Executive Director	Female	01 November 2012	
5	Fabian Ajogwu	Non-Executive Director	Male	21 June 2017	
6	Ballama Manu	Non-Executive Director	Male	25 March 2015	
7	Nkemdilim Uwaje	Non-Executive Director	Female	18 November 2019	
8	Sola David-Borha	Non-Executive Director	Female	08 September 2020	
9	Salamatu Suleiman	Independent Non-Executive Director	Female	13 July 2016	
10	Babs Omotowa	Independent Non-Executive Director	Male	18 November 2022	
11	Ndidi Nwuneli	Independent Non-Executive Director	Female	24 March 2023	
	Ngozi Edozien	Independent Non-Executive Director	Female	25 March 2015	Resigned on 24 March 2023
	Ben Kruger	Non-Executive Director	Male	20 May 2019	Resigned with effect from 30 June 2023
	Yinka Sanni	Non-Executive Director	Male	15 June 2023	Resigned with effect from 31 October 2023

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Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings:

S/No.	Names of Board Members	No. of Board Meetings Held in the Reporting Year	No. of Board Meetings Attended in the Reporting Year	Membership of Board Committees	Designation (Member or Chairman)	Number of Committee Meetings Held in the Reporting Year	Number of Committee Meetings Attended in the Reporting Year
1	Basil Omiyi	4	4	Not Applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
2	Demola Sogunle	4	4	Board IT	Member	4	4
				Board Risk	Member	4	4
				Board Legal	Member	5	5
3	Kunle Adedeji	4	4	Board IT	Member	4	4
				Board Risk	Member	4	4
4	Ifeoma Esiri	4	4	Board Risk	Chairman	4	4
				Board Legal	Chairman	5	5
				Board Audit	Member	4	4
5	Fabian Ajogwu	4	4	Board Risk	Member	4	4
				Board RemCo	Member	5	5
				Board Legal	Member	5	5
				Board NomCo	Member	2	2
6	Ballama Manu	4	4	Board IT	Member	4	4
				Board Risk	Member	4	4
				Board Audit	Member	4	4
7	Salamatu Suleiman	4	4	Board RemCo	Chairman	5	5
				Board Legal	Member	5	5
8	Nkemdilim Uwaje	4	4	Board IT	Chairman	4	4
9	***Ben Kruger	4	2	Board RemCo	Member	4	2
				Board NomCo	Member	2	2
				Board IT	Chairman	4	2
10	Ngozi Edozien*	4	1	Board IT	Member	4	1
				Board Risk	Member	4	1
				Board Audit	Chairperson	4	1
				Board NomCo	Member	2	1
11	Sola David-Borha	4	4	Board NomCo	Chairperson	2	2
				Board RemCo	Member	5	5
12	Babs Omotowa	4	None	Board Audit	Chairman	4	4
				Board RemCo	None Member	5	5

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10	Ndidi Nwuneli* *	4	3	Board IT	Member	4	2
				Board RemCo	Member	4	3
				Board NomCo	Member	4	1

*Ngozi Edozien resigned on 24 March 2023

**Ndidi Nwuneli was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director with effect from 24 March 2023

***Ben Kruger resigned on 30 June 2023

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Section D - Details of Senior Management of the Company

1. Senior Management:

S/N	Full Name	Position	Gender	Grade
1	Ngozi Afiomo	Head, Vendor Management & Procurement	Female	Assistant General Manager
2	Anthony Mogekwu	Head, Legal, CIB, Nigeria	Male	Assistant General Manager
3	Oluwatosin Olufunmilayo Leye-Odeyemi	Head, RCS, Capital Management, Holdco	Female	Assistant General Manager
4	Abumere Emmanuel Igboa	Chief Information Security Officer	Male	Assistant General Manager
5	Adedapo Omoniyi	Head, Production Services	Male	Assistant General Manager
6	Henry Ikeakhe	Head, Tech & Ops Goven, RCA & Compliance	Male	Assistant General Manager
7	Abayomi Makinde	Manager, Tax	Male	Assistant General Manager
8	Okechukwu Nwoke	Head, Information Technology	Male	Assistant General Manager
9	Bridget Oyefeso-Odusami	Head, B&M Communications	Female	Assistant General Manager
10	June Majoroh	Head, Real Estate Services	Female	Assistant General Manager
11	Chidimma Anosike	Country Head, People & Culture	Female	Deputy General Manager
12	Oluwatosin Odutayo	Head, CIB FVM	Male	Deputy General Manager
13	Adekunle Raimi Adedeji	Chief Finance & Value Management Officer	Male	Executive Director
14	Chidike Okechukwu Okezie	Head, Legal & Governance, Nigeria	Male	General Manager
15	Ademola Sogunle	Chief Executive, Stanbic IBTC Holdings	Male	Managing Director

Section E – Application

Principles	Reporting Questions	Explanation on application or deviation
Part A - Board of Directors and Officers of the Board		
<p>Principle 1: Role of the Board</p> <p><i>“A successful Company is headed by an effective Board which is responsible for providing entrepreneurial and strategic leadership as well as promoting ethical culture and responsible corporate citizenship. As a link between stakeholders and the Company, the Board is to exercise oversight and control to ensure that management acts in the best interest of the shareholders and other stakeholders while sustaining the prosperity of the Company”</i></p>	<p>i) Does the Board have an approved Charter which sets out its responsibilities and terms of reference? Yes/No If yes, when was it last reviewed?</p>	<p>Yes, the Board has an approved Charter.</p> <p>October 2023</p>
	<p>i) What are the qualifications and experiences of the directors?</p>	<p>The Directors are well qualified and experienced. They have the requisite experience to fulfill their roles.</p>
	<p>ii) Does the company have a Board-approved diversity policy? Yes/No If yes, to what extent have the diversity targets been achieved?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>The Board has an appropriate balance of skills and experience including diversity of gender.</p>
	<p>iii) Are there directors holding concurrent directorships? Yes/No If yes, state names of the directors and the companies?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Demola Sogunle is the Chief Executive of Stanbic IBTC Holdings PLC and a Non-Executive Director on the Boards of Stanbic IBTC Bank Limited, Stanbic IBTC Pension Managers Limited, Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited, Stanbic IBTC Capital Limited, Stanbic IBTC Trustees Limited, Stanbic IBTC Insurance Limited, Stanbic IBTC Stockbrokers Limited, and Zest Payments Limited</p> <p>Ballama Manu is a Non-Executive Director of Stanbic IBTC Insurance Limited</p> <p>Kunle Adedeji is a Non-Executive Director of Stanbic IBTC Ventures Limited, Zest Payments Limited, Stanbic IBTC Stockbrokers Limited</p> <p>Ifeoma Esiri is a Non-Executive Director of Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited</p>
<p>iv) Is the MD/CEO or an Executive Director a chair of any Board Committee? Yes/No If yes, provide the names of the Committees.</p>	<p>No, the CE does not chair any Board Committee</p>	
<p>Principle 3: Chairman</p> <p><i>“The Chairman is responsible for providing overall leadership of the Company and the Board, and eliciting the constructive participation of all Directors to facilitate</i></p>	<p>i) Is the Chairman a member or chair of any of the Board Committees? Yes/no If yes, list them.</p>	<p>No, the Chairman is neither a member nor a chair of any Board Committee</p>
	<p>ii) At which Committee meeting(s) was the Chairman in attendance during the period under review ?</p>	<p>None</p>

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<i>effective direction of the Board"</i>	iii) Is the Chairman an INED or a NED?	NED
	iv) Is the Chairman a former MD/CEO or ED of the Company? Yes/No If yes, when did his/her tenure as MD end?	No, the Chairman was not a former CE/ED of the Company
	v) When was he/she appointed as Chairman?	15 May 2017
	vi) Are the roles and responsibilities of the Chairman clearly defined? Yes/No If yes, specify which document	Yes, in the Board Charter
Principle 4: Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer "The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer is the head of management delegated by the Board to run the affairs of the Company to achieve its strategic objectives for sustainable corporate performance"	i) Does the MD/CEO have a contract of employment which sets out his authority and relationship with the Board? Yes/No If no, in which documents is it specified?	Yes, in his Letter of Appointment
	ii) Does the MD/CEO declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? Yes/No	Yes the MD/CE declares his conflict of interest on appointment and as they occur.
	iii) Which of the Board Committee meetings did the MD/CEO attend during the period under review?	The CE attended the Board Risk Management Committee, Board IT Committee, Board Legal Committee meetings as a member. He was also at the Board Audit Committee, Board Remuneration Committee and Board Nomination and Governance Committee in attendance
	iv) Is the MD/CEO serving as NED in any other company? Yes/no. If yes, please state the company(ies)?	Yes Stanbic IBTC Bank Limited, Stanbic IBTC Pension Managers Limited; Stanbic IBTC Asset Management Limited, Stanbic IBTC Capital Limited, Stanbic IBTC Trustees Limited, Stanbic IBTC Insurance Limited, Stanbic IBTC Stockbrokers Limited, and Zest Payments Limited
	v) Is the membership of the MD/CEO in these companies in line with the Board-approved policies? Yes/No	Yes
Principle 5: Executive Directors <i>Executive Directors support the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer in the operations and management of the Company</i>	i) Do the EDs have contracts of employment? Yes/no	Yes
	ii) If yes, do the contracts of employment set out the roles and responsibilities of the EDs? Yes/No If no, in which document are the roles and responsibilities specified?	Yes
	iii) Do the EDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? Yes/No	Yes the ED declares conflict of interest on appointment and as they occur
	iv) Are there EDs serving as NEDs in any other company? Yes/No If yes, please list	Yes Kunle Adedeji serves as a Non-Executive Director on the Boards of Stanbic IBTC Ventures Limited, Stanbic IBTC Stockbrokers Limited and Zest Payments Limited
	v) Are their memberships in these companies in line with Board-approved policy? Yes/No	Yes
Principle 6: Non-Executive Directors	i) Are the roles and responsibilities of the NEDs clearly defined and documented? Yes/No If yes, where are these documented?	Yes, in the Board Charter and their respective letters of appointment.

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<i>Non-Executive Directors bring to bear their knowledge, expertise and independent judgment on issues of strategy and performance on the Board</i>	ii) Do the NEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement? Yes/No	Yes
	iii) Do the NEDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? Yes/No	Yes, the NEDs declare conflict of interests on appointment and as they occur
	iv) Are NEDs provided with information relating to the management of the company and on all Board matters? Yes/No If yes, when is the information provided to the NEDs	Yes, during induction and every quarter during the Board meetings
	v) What is the process of ensuring completeness and adequacy of the information provided?	Senior and Executive Management review and scrutinize the papers before they are provided to the NEDs
	vi) Do NEDs have unfettered access to the EDs, Company Secretary and the Internal Auditor? Yes/No	Yes
Principle 7: Independent Non-Executive Directors <i>Independent Non-Executive Directors bring a high degree of objectivity to the Board for sustaining stakeholder trust and confidence"</i>	i) Do the INEDs meet the independence criteria prescribed under Section 7.2 of the Code? Yes/No	Yes
	ii) Are there any exceptions?	No
	iii) What is the process of selecting INEDs?	A Board approved policy for the appointment of Directors is followed. In addition, various regulatory guidelines stipulate the requirements for the appointment of INEDs, which is strictly followed by the Board.
	iv) Do the INEDs have letters of appointment specifying their duties, liabilities and terms of engagement? Yes/No	Yes
	v) Do the INEDs declare any conflict of interest on appointment, annually, thereafter and as they occur? Yes/No	Yes
	vi) Does the Board ascertain and confirm the independence of the INEDs? Yes/No If yes, how often? What is the process?	Yes, this is done annually through Questionnaires administered by external consultants during the Board Evaluation
	vii) Is the INED a Shareholder of the Company? Yes/No If yes, what is the percentage shareholding?	No
	viii) Does the INED have another relationship with the Company apart from directorship and/or shareholding? Yes/No If yes, provide details.	No
	ix) What are the components of INEDs remuneration?	Sitting Allowance and Directors Fees only.
Principle 8: Company Secretary <i>"The Company Secretary support the effectiveness of the Board by assisting the Board and management to develop good corporate</i>	i) Is the Company Secretary in-house or outsourced?	In-House
	ii) What is the qualification and experience of the Company Secretary?	The Company Secretary is adequately qualified and experienced
	iii) Where the Company Secretary is an employee of the Company, is the person a member of senior management?	Yes

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<i>governance practices and culture within the Company"</i>	iv) Who does the Company Secretary report to?	The Company Secretary reports functionally to the Board through the Chairman and reports administratively to the Chief Executive
	v) What is the appointment and removal process of the Company Secretary?	The appointment and removal of the Company Secretary is done by the Board (subject to regulatory approval).
	vi) Who undertakes and approves the performance appraisal of the Company Secretary?	The Board undertakes the performance evaluation of the Company Secretary
Principle 9: Access to Independent Advice <i>"Directors are sometimes required to make decisions of a technical and complex nature that may require independent external expertise"</i>	i) Does the company have a Board-approved policy that allows directors access to independent professional advice in the discharge of their duties? Yes/No If yes, where is it documented?	Yes, the Board has a policy for Obtaining Independent Professional Advice
	ii) Who bears the cost for the independent professional advice?	The Company bears the cost for the independent professional advice
	iii) During the period under review, did the Directors obtain any independent professional advice? Yes/No If yes, provide details.	No
Principle 10: Meetings of the Board <i>"Meetings are the principal vehicle for conducting the business of the Board and successfully fulfilling the strategic objectives of the Company"</i>	i) What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board meetings?	Minutes of a prior meeting are reviewed and approved at the subsequent Board meeting
	ii) What are the timelines for sending the minutes to Directors?	At least 7 days before the next Board meeting
	iii) What are the implications for Directors who do not meet the Company policy on meeting attendance?	Directors are encouraged to attend all Board meetings. Directors are also made to understand that attendance at Board meetings is a key consideration for re-election to the Board.
Principle 11: Board Committees <i>"To ensure efficiency and effectiveness, the Board delegates some of its functions, duties and responsibilities to well-structured committees, without abdicating its responsibilities"</i>	i) Do the Board Committees have Board-approved Charters which set out their responsibilities and terms of reference? Yes/No	Yes
	ii) What is the process for reviewing and approving minutes of Board Committee of meetings?	Minutes of prior meetings circulated, reviewed and approved at the subsequent Committee meeting
	iii) What are the timelines for sending the minutes to the directors?	At least seven (7) days before the next Committee meeting
	iv) Who acts as Secretary to board committees?	The Company Secretary
	v) What Board Committees are responsible for the following matters? a) Nomination and Governance b) Remuneration c) Audit d) Risk Management	Board Nomination & Governance Board Remuneration Committee Board Audit Committee Board Risk Management Committee
	vi) What is the process of appointing the chair of each committee ?	The Chair of each Committee is appointed by the Board
	Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance	
	vii) What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs on the Committee responsible for Nomination and Governance?	33% of the Directors on the Nomination and Governance Committee are INEDs. (1:3)
	viii) Is the chairman of the Committee a NED or INED ?	NED

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	ix) Does the Company have a succession plan policy? Yes/No If yes, how often is it reviewed?	Yes Biennially
	x) How often are Board and Committee charters as well as other governance policies reviewed?	Annually
	xi) How does the committee report on its activities to the Board?	Reports are presented to the Board through the Committee Chair
	Committee responsible for Remuneration	
	xii) What is the proportion of INEDs to NEDs on the Committee responsible for Remuneration?	60% of the Directors on the Remuneration Committee is an INED. (3:2)
	xiii) Is the chairman of the Committee a NED or INED ?	The Chairman of the Committee is an INED
	Committee responsible for Audit	
	xiv) Does the Company have a Board Audit Committee separate from the Statutory Audit Committee? Yes/No	Yes
	xv) Are members of the Committee responsible for Audit financially literate? Yes/No	Yes
	xvi) What are their qualifications and experience?	Directors are financially literate and well experienced
	xvii) Name the financial expert(s) on the Committee responsible for Audit	Mr Ballama Manu
	xviii) How often does the Committee responsible for Audit review the internal auditor's reports?	Quarterly
	xix) Does the Company have a Board approved internal control framework in place? Yes/No	Yes
	xx) How does the Board monitor compliance with the internal control framework?	Through the quarterly reports submitted by the Internal Controls Department
	xxi) Does the Committee responsible for Audit review the External Auditors management letter, Key Audit Matters and management response to issues raised? Yes/No Please explain.	Yes. At the first Audit Committee meeting of the year, the Committee reviews the Management Letter, the key audit matters as well as Management's response to issues raised
	xxii) Is there a Board-approved policy that clearly specifies the non-audit services that the external auditor shall not provide? Yes/No	Yes
	xxiii) How many times did the Audit Committee hold discussions with the head of internal audit function and external auditors without the management during the period under review?	Once
	Committee responsible for Risk Management	
	xxiv) Is the Chairman of the Risk Committee a NED or an INED?	The Chairman is a NED
	xxv) Is there a Board approved Risk Management framework? Yes/No? If yes, when was it approved?	Yes November 2021

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	xxvi) How often does the Committee review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management Controls in place? Date of last review	The Committee reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the Risk Management Controls in place on a quarterly basis. 26 October 2023
	xxvii) Does the Company have a Board-approved IT Data Governance Framework? Yes/No If yes, how often is it reviewed?	Yes Bi-annually
	xxviii) How often does the Committee receive and review compliance report on the IT Data Governance Framework?	The Board IT Committee is responsible for reviewing the IT Data Governance Framework and this is done on a quarterly basis.
	xxix) Is the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) a member of Senior Management and does he have relevant experience for this role? Yes/No	Yes, he is a member of Senior Management and is adequately qualified.
	xxx) How many meetings of the Committee did the CRO attend during the period under review?	Four (4) meetings
Principle 12: Appointment to the Board	i) Is there a Board-approved policy for the appointment of Directors? Yes/No	Yes
<i>"A written, clearly defined, rigorous, formal and transparent procedure serves as a guide for the selection of Directors to ensure the appointment of high-quality individuals to the Board"</i>	ii) What criteria are considered for their appointment?	The Nomination and Governance Committee takes into consideration the strengths and weaknesses of the existing Board, it considers the integrity, competence, knowledge, skills and experience, and capacity to undertake the responsibility as well as diversity of the prospective appointee. The Nominations and Governance Committee also takes account of regulatory and statutory requirements for the appointment of a Director.
	iii) What is the Board process for ascertaining that prospective directors are fit and proper persons?	The Nomination and Governance Committee is responsible for ensuring that the proposed Director is a fit and proper person. In addition, the Board submits the names of prospective appointees to Regulators for approval, who in turn conduct a background check on the prospective appointees.
	iv) Is there a defined tenure for the following: a) The Chairman b) The MD/CEO c) INED d) NED e) Eds	Yes, there is a defined tenure for the Chairman, MD/CEO, INED, NED
	v) Please state the tenure	NEDs - a maximum of three (3) terms of four (4) years each (i.e., 12 years) INEDs - a maximum of two terms of four years each (i.e., 8 years) CEO - a maximum period of ten (10) years.
	vi) Does the Board have a process to ensure that it is refreshed periodically? Yes/No?	Yes
	Principle 13: Induction and Continuing Education	i) Does the Board have a formal induction programme for new directors? Yes/No
<i>"A formal induction programme on joining the Board as well as regular training assists Directors to effectively discharge their duties to the Company"</i>	ii) During the period under review, were new Directors appointed? Yes/No If yes, provide date of induction.	Yes Ndidi Nwuneli was appointed on 24 March 2023 and her induction was on 31 May 2023
	iii) Are Directors provided relevant training to enable them effectively discharge their duties? Yes/No	Yes

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	If yes, provide training details.	Directors' training needs are identified within the context of the overall business strategy and they are trained accordingly.
	iv) How do you assess the training needs of Directors?	Through the Individual Director's Evaluation exercise, as well as Company Secretary's engagement with each Director.
	v) Is there a Board-approved training plan? Yes/No	Directors' training needs are identified within the context of the overall business strategy and they are trained accordingly.
	vi) Has it been budgeted for? Yes/No	Yes
Principle 14: Board Evaluation	i) Is there a Board-approved policy for evaluating Board performance? Yes/No	Yes
<i>"Annual Board evaluation assesses how each Director, the committees of the Board and the Board are committed to their roles, work together and continue to contribute effectively to the achievement of the Company's objectives"</i>	ii) For the period under review, was there any Board Evaluation exercise conducted? Yes/No	Board Evaluation exercise for the period under review is ongoing
	iii) If yes, indicate whether internal or external. Provide date of last evaluation.	The Board evaluation is being conducted by external consultants and the last evaluation conducted was concluded in April 2023, in relation to the prior year.
	iv) Has the Board Evaluation report been presented to the full Board? Yes/No If yes, indicate date of presentation.	No; however, it would be presented to the Board in April 2024 following the conclusion of the Evaluation by the Consultants
	v) Did the Chairman discuss the evaluation report with the individual directors? Yes/No	Yes. The 2022 report was discussed with individual directors; and the 2023 report would be discussed with the Directors
	vi) Is the result of the evaluation for each Director considered in the re-election process? Yes/No	Yes. The report would be discussed by the Board as a whole.
	Principle 15: Corporate Governance Evaluation	i) For the period under review, has the Company conducted a corporate governance evaluation? Yes/No If yes, provide date of the evaluation.
<i>"Institutionalizing a system for evaluating the Company's corporate governance practices ensures that its governance standards, practices and processes are adequate and effective"</i>	ii) Is the result of the Corporate Governance Evaluation presented and considered by the Board? Yes/No	Yes
	iii) If yes, please indicate the date of last presentation.	The last Corporate Governance Evaluation report was presented to the Board in April 2023
	iv) Is the summary of the Corporate Governance Evaluation included in the annual reports and Investors portal? Yes/No	Yes
	Principle 16: Remuneration Governance	i) Is there a Board-approved Directors' remuneration policy? Yes/No If yes, how often is it reviewed?
<i>"The Board ensures that the Company remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently so as to promote the achievement of strategic objectives and positive outcomes in the short, medium and long term"</i>	ii) Provide details of directors' fees, allowances and all other benefits paid to them during the period under review	The total sum of ₦544,570,000 was paid to Directors in 2023
	iii) Is the remuneration of NEDs presented to shareholders for approval? Yes/No If yes, when was it approved?	Yes, at the Annual General Meeting held in May 2022
	iv) What portion of the NEDs remuneration is linked to company performance?	NED remuneration is not linked to company performance

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	v) Is there a Board-approved remuneration policy for Executive and Senior management? Yes/No If yes, to what extent is remuneration linked to company performance?	Yes The performance Bonus scheme is linked to company performance
	vi) Has the Board set KPIs for Executive Management? Yes/No	Yes
	vii) If yes, was the performance measured against the KPIs? Yes/No	Yes
	viii) Do the MD/CEO, EDs and Company Secretary receive a sitting allowance and/or directors fees? Yes/No	No
	ix) Which of the following receive sitting allowance and/or fees: a. MD/CEO b. ED c. Company Secretary d. Other Senior management staff	None
	x) Is there a Board-approved clawback policy for Executive management? Yes/No If yes, attach the policy.	Yes. Clawback provisions are included in the Company's Remuneration Policy. The relevant portion is attached as Appendix 1.
Principle 17: Risk Management <i>"A sound framework for managing risk and ensuring an effective internal control system is essential for achieving the strategic objectives of the Company"</i>	i) Has the Board defined the company's risk appetite and limit? Yes/No	Yes
	ii) How often does the company conduct a risk assessment?	Yes The Committee conducts a risk assessment on a quarterly basis.
	iii) How often does the board receive and review risk management reports?	Quarterly and as the situation requires.
Principle 18: Internal Audit <i>"An effective internal audit function provides assurance to the Board on the effectiveness of the governance, risk management and internal control systems"</i>	i) Does the company have an Internal Audit function? Yes/No If no, how has the Board obtained adequate assurance on the effectiveness of internal processes and systems?	Yes
	ii) Does the company have a Board-approved internal audit charter? Yes/No	Yes
	iii) Is the head of internal audit a member of senior management? Yes/No	Yes
	iv) What is the qualification and experience of the head of internal audit?	He is adequately qualified and well experienced. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria
	v) Does the company have a Board-approved annual risk-based internal audit plan? Yes/No	Yes
	vi) Does the head of the internal audit function report at least once every quarter to the committee responsible for audit, on the adequacy and effectiveness of management, governance, risk and control environment; deficiencies observed and management mitigation plans? Yes/No	Yes
	vii) Is there an external assessment of the effectiveness of the internal audit function at least once every three years by a qualified independent reviewer appointed by the Board? Yes/No If yes, when was the last assessment?	Yes, by Ernst & Young July 2022

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	viii) Who undertakes and approves the performance evaluation of the Head of Internal Audit?	The Board Audit Committee
Principle 19: Whistleblowing <i>"An effective whistle-blowing framework for reporting any illegal or unethical behaviour minimises the Company's exposure and prevents recurrence"</i>	i) Does the company have a Board-approved whistleblowing framework? Yes/No If yes, when was the date of last review	Yes July 2023
	ii) Does the Board ensure that the whistleblowing mechanism and are process reliable, accessible to all stakeholders, guarantees anonymity and protection of the whistleblower? Yes/No	Yes
	iii) Is the Audit committee provided with the following reports on a periodic basis? a) Reported cases b) Process and results of Investigated cases	Yes
Principle 20: External Audit <i>"An external auditor is appointed to provide an independent opinion on the true and fair view of the financial statements of the Company to give assurance to stakeholders on the reliability of the financial statements"</i>	i) Who makes the recommendations for the appointment, re-appointment or removal of external auditors?	The Board acting on the advice of the Audit Committee
	ii) Who approves the appointment, re-appointment, and removal of External Auditors?	The Shareholders
	iii) When was the first date of appointment of the External auditors?	2021
	iv) How often are the audit partners rotated?	At least every 5 years
Principle 21: General Meetings <i>"General Meetings are important platforms for the Board to engage shareholders to facilitate greater understanding of the Company's business, governance and performance. They provide shareholders with an opportunity to exercise their ownership rights and express their views to the Board on any areas of interest"</i>	i) How many days prior to the last general meeting were notices, annual reports and any other relevant information dispatched to Shareholders?	At least 28 days
	ii) Were the Chairmen of all Board Committees and the Chairman of the Statutory Audit Committee present to respond to Shareholders' enquiries at the last meeting? Yes/No	Yes
Principle 22: Shareholder Engagement <i>"The establishment of a system of regular dialogue with shareholders balance their needs, interests and expectations with the objectives of the Company"</i>	i) Is there a Board-approved policy on shareholders' engagement? Yes/No If yes: a) when was it last reviewed? b) Is the policy hosted on the company's website?	Yes October 2022 Yes
	ii) How does the Board engage with Institutional Investors and how often?	Through the Annual General Meeting, Investors Calls, Road shows and the Investor Portal on the Company's website
Principle 23: Protection of Shareholder Rights <i>"Equitable treatment of shareholders and the protection of their statutory and general rights,</i>	i) Does the Board ensure that adequate and timely information is provided to the shareholders on the Company's activities? Yes/No	Yes

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<i>particularly the interest of minority shareholders, promote good governance"</i>		
<p>Principle 24: Business Conduct and Ethics</p> <p><i>"The establishment of professional business and ethical standards underscore the values for the protection and enhancement of the reputation of the Company while promoting good conduct and investor confidence"</i></p>	<p>i) Does the company have a Board-approved Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (COBE) that guides the professional business and ethical standards? Yes/No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>a) Has the COBE been communicated to all internal and external Stakeholders? Yes/No</p> <p>b) Is the COBE applicable to any or all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board 2. Senior management 3. Other employees 4. Third parties <p>ii) When was the date of last review of the policy?</p> <p>iii) Has the Board incorporated a process for identifying, monitoring and reporting adherence to the COBE? Yes/No</p> <p>iv) What sanctions were imposed for the period under review for non-compliance with the COBE?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>October 2023</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>None</p>
<p>Principle 25: Ethical Culture</p> <p><i>"The establishment of policies and mechanisms for monitoring insider trading, related party transactions, conflict of interest and other corrupt activities, mitigates the adverse effects of these abuses on the Company and promotes good ethical conduct and investor confidence"</i></p>	<p>i) Is there a Board- approved policy on insider trading? Yes/No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>a) When was the last date of review?</p> <p>b) How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?</p> <p>ii) Does the company have a Board approved policy on related party transactions? Yes/No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>a) When was the last date of review?</p> <p>b) How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?</p> <p>c) Is the policy applicable to any or all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board 2. Senior management 3. Other employees (Specify) 4. Third parties (Specify) <p>iii) How does the Board ensure adequate disclosure of Related Party Transactions by the responsible parties?</p> <p>iv) Does the company have a Board-approved policy on conflict of interest? Yes/No</p> <p>If yes:</p> <p>a) When was the last date of review?</p> <p>b) How does the Board monitor compliance with this policy?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>April 2023</p> <p>Compliance with the Personal Account Trading Policy is monitored by the Compliance team. Breaches (if any) are noted in periodic reports to management.</p> <p>The Company follows regulatory guidelines on related party transactions.</p> <p>The Board discloses all related party transactions in Annual Report and Financial Statements.</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>January 2023</p> <p>Compliance with the Conflicts of Interest Policy is monitored by the Compliance team. Breaches (if any) are noted in periodic reports to management.</p>

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	c) Is the policy applicable to any or all of the following: 1. Senior management 2. Other employees (Specify)	Yes
Principle 26: Sustainability <i>"Paying adequate attention to sustainability issues including environment, social, occupational and community health and safety ensures successful long-term business performance and projects the Company as a responsible corporate citizen contributing to economic development"</i>	i) Is there a Board-approved sustainability policy? Yes/No If yes, when was it last reviewed?	Yes February 2023
	ii) How does the Board monitor compliance with the policy?	Through quarterly reports presented by Management at the Board meetings.
	iii) How does the Board report compliance with the policy?	A quarterly report detailing the company's sustainability initiatives is presented to the board. The board relies on this report to monitor compliance with the framework. The Company also issues a Sustainability Report which is circulated along with the Annual Report to Shareholders
	iv) Is there a Board-approved policy on diversity in the workplace? Yes/No If yes, when was it last reviewed?	Yes The policy was last reviewed in October 2023
Principle 27: Stakeholder Communication <i>"Communicating and interacting with stakeholders keeps them conversant with the activities of the Company and assists them in making informed decisions"</i>	i) Is there a Board-approved policy on stakeholder management and communication? Yes/No	Yes
	ii) Does the Company have an up to date investor relation portal? Yes/No If yes, provide the link.	Yes https://reporting.stanbicibtc.com/
Principle 28: Disclosures <i>"Full and comprehensive disclosure of all matters material to investors and stakeholders, and of matters set out in this Code, ensures proper monitoring of its implementation which engenders good corporate governance practice"</i>	i) Does the company's annual report include a summary of the corporate governance report? Yes/No	Yes
	ii) Has the company been fined by any regulator during the reporting period? Yes/No If yes, provide details of the fines and penalties.	No

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Section F – Certification

We hereby make this declaration in good faith and confirm that the information provided in this form is true.

Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Signature: *Basil E Omiyi*
Date: Basil E Omiyi (Mar 18, 2024 13:22 CDT)

Chairman of the Committee responsible for Governance

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APPENDIX 1

Clawback

Clawback provisions will apply to identified Material Risk Takers with effect from 01 March 2020.

The Clawback Policy and principles are set out as follows:

Principles for identifying Material Risk Takers:

- The Chief Executives and Executive Directors of Stanbic IBTC Holdings and all its subsidiaries.

Clawback provisions for Material Risk Takers are listed below:

1. Clawback provisions apply to the variable remuneration awarded to identified Material Risk Takers. This includes cash awards, deferred awards, share incentive awards and long-term incentives and related notional dividend and interest payments.

2. Where there is reasonable evidence that a trigger event occurred prior to the payment/vesting date, but was only discovered within a period of three years after the payment/vesting date (the clawback period), the Remco may exercise its discretion to require a participant to repay the clawback amount (or a portion thereof).

3. The clawback amount is (generally speaking) (i) an amount equal to the cash delivered at the point of payment or vesting; or in the case of an award delivered in shares or other instruments, the amount used to acquire the Standard Bank Group shares or other instrument (or the cash equivalent) at the point of vesting and (ii) the value of any notional dividend and/or notional interest payments, less any employees' tax deducted by the Group.

The trigger events are as follows:

- The discovery of a negative misstatement resulting in an adjustment to the Group's audited accounts (or the audited accounts of any Group company) in respect of a period for which the performance conditions applicable to an award were assessed; and/or

- The discovery of the events that occurred prior to award or vesting that have led to the censure of a Group company by a regulatory authority or have had a significant detrimental impact on the reputation of any Group company; and/or

- The discovery of action or conduct of an employee which amounts to gross misconduct that occurred prior to award or vesting; and/or

- The discovery that any information or the assessment of any performance condition(s) used to determine an award was based on a material error, or inaccurate or misleading information.

4. The Remco may extend the clawback period if, upon the expiry of the clawback period, there is an ongoing investigation or other procedure being carried on to determine whether the clawback provisions apply in respect of a participant, or the Remco decides that further investigation is warranted. In such event, the clawback period shall be extended until the investigation or procedure has been completed and the Remco has made a final determination.

5. Clawback provisions will only apply to awards granted on or after 1 March 2020. It does not apply to any award with an award date preceding 1 March 2020 (even if the vesting date takes place after 1

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March 2020). Clawback provisions will apply only to awards made to individuals classified as Material Risk Takers at the time of award. The clawback provisions will continue to apply to such awards even if the individual is at a future date no longer classified as a Material Risk Taker.

The following principles should be considered when recommending a case for clawback:

- Stanbic IBTC would like to deal with cases of clawback in a fair and consistent manner across all its operations.
- Before clawback is triggered, a reduction in the current year's incentive awards and/or forfeiture will be taken into account. A reduction in the current year's incentive awards and/or forfeiture should be applied first before clawback is considered. It is therefore important that the matter and the proposed course of action should be considered holistically and dealt with as one incident as far as possible. This may not be possible if additional facts or information arise at a later stage.
- Stanbic IBTC would like to give certainty to the individuals concerned as soon as reasonably possible without compromising the process of a fair investigation and Remco consideration.
- When determining whether (i) clawback should apply and (ii) the clawback amount, the extent to which the employee had some level of accountability / responsibility for the trigger event as well as the materiality of the trigger event will be taken into account.
- When determining the clawback amount, Remco will consider the extent to which the trigger event resulted in the erroneous calculation of the incentive award.
- Consideration of the matrix and all role players and their accountabilities will be assessed.
- An independent investigation should take place when clawback is being considered. In the course of the investigation the employee will be given an opportunity to make representations. Recommendations of investigation should be put forward to Remco.
- In the event that Group's audited accounts require a material restatement – Remco will refer the matter to the Board. The independent investigation will be conducted by an auditing firm independent of the external auditors who signed off on the relevant accounts in question. Remco may refer any serious matter to the Board dependent on materiality and/or seniority of the people concerned.
- Clawback will only be made when all the facts are known and the independent investigation is concluded.
- Should the clawback investigation not be concluded, the three year clawback period may be extended until the investigation is complete. Communication to the individual(s) experiencing a delay should indicate that this does not indicate a pre-determined outcome but allows for a fair investigation to be concluded.
- All information relating to the investigation and the outcome with regard to clawback should be documented by the relevant Head of Human Capital.

The clawback provisions in this section are in alignment with clauses 16.9 and 16.10 of the Nigerian Code of Corporate governance.